

Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 LOUREN 00836 071720Z

40

ACTION AF-06

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 SCS-03 DHA-02 L-03 SY-05 CIAE-00 INR-07

NSAE-00 H-02 SP-02 SCA-01 PRS-01 PA-01 USIA-06 SSO-00

/040 W

----- 118399

P 070930Z AUG 75

FM AMCONSUL LOURENCO MARQUES

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 3741

INFO AMEMBASSY DAR ES SALAAM PRIORITY

AMEMBASSY LUSAKA PRIORITY

AMEMBASSY PRETORIA PRIORITY

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE LOURENCO MARQUES 836

FOR AF AND SCA/SCS

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: CASC, PFOR, US, MZ

SUBJECT: PROTECTION AND WELFARE: DETENTION OF AMERICAN
CITIZEN DONALD L. MILAM

REF: LOURENCO MARQUES 718, 733 AND 821 (ALL NOTAL)

1. AMCIT MILAM DETAINED JULY 3, 1975, IS STILL BEING HELD IN LOURENCO MARQUES CITY JAIL AFTER ONE MONTH WITHOUT CHARGE OR EXPLANATION. MILAM HAS NOT BEEN MISTREATED, BUT HAS NOT BEEN QUESTIONED BY AUTHORITIES NOR RECEIVED WORD ON HIS CASE FOR 21 DAYS. CONGEN, WIFE, AND FRIENDS HAVE TRIED TO LEARN CHARGES AGAINST MILAM, TO NO AVAIL. CONGEN INFORMED U.S. RELATIVES

WERE WRITING TO CONGRESSMEN ABOUT MATTER, BELIEVED TO BE JOHN HEINZ, R., PITTSBURG.

2. CONSULAR OFFICER VISITED MILAM AUGUST 5. MILAM REPORTED POSSIBILITIES OF SERIOUS INCIDENT IN JAIL DUE TO DISSATISFACTION OF PRISONERS. POSSIBILITY OF SMALL INCIDENT GETTING OUT
LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 LOUREN 00836 071720Z

OF CONTROL WOULD HAVE SERIOUS REPERCUSSIONS. MILAM STATED AND

CONGEN OFFICER SENSED THAT PRISON GUARDS ARE GETTING "ITCHY TRIGGER FINGERS".

3. BEGIN FYI: MILAM REPORTED FIRST-HAND KNOWLEDGE OF MAL-TREATMENT AND TORTURE OF OTHER PRISONERS, INCLUDING BEATINGS, ARMS TIED BEHIND BACK UNTIL ELBOWS TOUCH, AND ARBITRARY SOLITARY CONFINEMENT. ONE DETAINED WOMAN REQUIRED TO DELIVER HER BABY IN CELL WITHOUT MEDICAL ATTENTION. END FYI.

4. RECOMMEND SENDING FOLLOWING LETTER TO FOREIGN MINISTER CHISSANO: QUOTE THIS IS TO ACQUAINT YOU WITH THE FACT THAT AN AMERICAN CITIZEN, DONALD L. MILAM, IS BEING HELD WITHOUT TRIAL OR KNOWLEDGE OF ANY FORMAL CHARGES AGAINST HIM. MR. MILAM WAS DETAINED ON JULY 3, 1975 AND HAS BEEN IN THE CADEIA CIVIL OF LOURENCO MARQUES SINCE THAT DATE. MR. MILAM'S WIFE AND FRIENDS HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO LEARN THE REASON FOR HIS DETENTION. PARA THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT ALWAYS ATTEMPTS TO INSURE THAT ITS DETAINED CITIZENS RECEIVE FAIR TREATMENT WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE LAWS OF THE HOST COUNTRY, OF INTERNATIONAL LAW AND PRACTICE, AND OF HUMAN RIGHTS. PARA I HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTED BY MY GOVERNMENT TO INFORM YOU THAT IT IS CONCERNED THAT MR. MILAM IS BEING HELD WITHOUT CHARGE AND HOPES HIS CASE MAY BE DISPOSED OF WITHOUT FURTHER DELAY. END QUOTE. SIGNED PETER C. WALKER.

5. COMMENT: NOW THAT MORE THAN ONE MONTH HAS PASSED, I THINK EXPRESSION OF USG CONCERN CALLED FOR, DESPITE ABSENCE OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS. I DO NOT THINK LETTER WE HAVE DRAFTED WILL HURT, AND IT MIGHT HELP MILAM'S CASE TO INFORM FOREIGN MINISTRY. THIS IS CHANNEL ORIGINALLY MENTIONED BY JUDICIAL POLICE. IF SENATOR CLARK COMES, IT WOULD BE, IN OUR ESTIMATION, MOST EFFECTIVE FOR HIM AS MEMBER OF LEGISLATIVE BRANCH TO BRING UP MILAM CASE. OUR LETTER WOULD SERVE TO INFORM CHISSANO IN ADVANCE.

6. ACTION REQUESTED: (A) DEPARTMENT AUTHORITY TO SEND LETTER; (B) DEPARTMENT BRIEF SENATOR CLARK OR STAFF; (C) DEPARTMENT BRIEF CONGRESSMAN HEINZ; (D) REQUEST REPLY ASAP.
WALKER

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: DETENTION, CITIZEN PROTECTION, WELFARE & WHEREABOUTS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 07 AUG 1975
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: GolinoFR
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1975LOUREN00836
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D750273-0254
From: LOURENCO MARQUES
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1975/newtext/t19750874/aaaacndq.tel
Line Count: 99
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION AF
Original Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 75 LOURENCO MARQUES 718, 75 LOURENCO MARQUES 733, 75 LOURENCO MARQUES 821
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: GolinoFR
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 05 JUN 2003
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <05 JUN 2003 by ifshinsr>; APPROVED <09 JUN 2003 by GolinoFR>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
06 JUL 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: PROTECTION AND WELFARE: DETENTION OF AMERICAN CITIZEN DONALD L. MILAM
TAGS: CASC, PFOR, US, MZ, (MILAN, DONALD L)
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 06 JUL 2006